The Way They Should Go Is Away From The World

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INTRODUCTION

- Train up a child in the way he should go. And when he is old, he will not depart from it.
- There are only one of two ways that you can take. And the point of that also being that if you choose to take one, then you are by necessity going away from the other.
- This morning we want to focus on the negative. We want to talk about getting them away from the world.

1 The Headlines: Violence, Sex, Drugs and Alcohol

Proverbs 1:8–19; Proverbs 5:1–5; Proverbs 20:1

- My son, do not walk in the way with them. Keep your feet from their path, for their feet run to evil, and they hasten to shed blood.
- For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and smooth as an oil is her speech. But in the end, she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.
- Don't go down that path, the man is telling his son.
- Wine is a mocker, strong drink, a brawler, and whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise.

2 The Subtle Way of the World: Wisdom and Wealth

Ecclesiastes 1:16; Ecclesiastes 2:9; Matthew 6:24

- The way of the world is much more subtle. And the way of the world, in fact, are things that you and I may be glorying in and glorifying to our children.
- When all has been heard is, fear God and keep his commandments, because this applies to every person.
- Behold, all was vanity and striving after the wind, and there was no profit under the sun.
- It's not just drugs, sex, and rock and roll. This is the way of the world. Get wisdom. Get wealth.
- No one can serve two masters, for either he'll hate the one, love the other, or he'll be devoted to one, despise the other.
- Most of us want for our children wisdom and wealth. We want for our children the way of the world.

3 Teaching: What Am I Teaching My Children?

- There are three aspects of training. There's the teaching that must be done. There's the observation that must take place. And then there's the practice, the doing.
- So what you and I have to be conscious of is what am I teaching my children?
- We're talking about the emphasis on our lives is following God, keeping his commandments. That is the duty of man.

- That's got to come out of my mouth. They've got to hear it from my lips.

4 Am I Letting Them Observe?

Deuteronomy 6:5–9

- So what are my children going to observe in my life?
- Or are they going to observe in my life charity and love for God and love for my fellow man?
- And furthermore, am I around enough, around them enough for them to see it?
- Kids learn from whoever is around them the most.
- If they don't observe God's way in my life, then they're going to be observing the world's way in the lives of others.

5 They Need to Do

- We want to say, don't go down this road, then we also have to say, here's the road you must go down.
- If being a follower of God is being a loving person and one who takes care of others, then we've got to give them some practice in that.
- We've got to get them involved in sending the cards to the sick and going to visit the sick and being a good influence on others.
- Because a part of training is doing.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Will you accept the offer of His Son this morning?**

MY NOTES